

December 7, 2018

The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman
The Honorable Michael O’Rielly, Commissioner
The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner

Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
455 12th Street, Southwest
Washington, DC, 20544

Dear Chairman Pai,

I am writing to support the Comments of the Cable Act Preservation Alliance (“CAPA”) and to oppose the proposals and tentative conclusions set forth in the FCC’s September 25 Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in *Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992*, MB Docket 05- 311.

The Kenton County Public Library has benefited greatly in our relationship with the Telecommunications Board of Northern Kentucky. The TBNK provided the library with professional quality cameras and gear for a wide variety of library recordings. It gives our patrons a chance to enjoy programming and library content from outside of our buildings. It also provides the library with invaluable marketing and promotional tools to share with viewers in ways that otherwise wouldn’t be possible. Our older patrons enjoy the library content brought to their homes, especially those in homebound and Senior Living Centers. Our Roebling Bridge 150th Anniversary video, produced by the Kenton County Public Library using TBNK equipment and AVID editing bays, was nominated for an Emmy and won multiple Telly Awards. Local Veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam and other branches of service were also given the chance to record their Veterans Oral History stories with TBNK equipment and shared with the Library of Congress. I could go on and on for pages on how the KCPL benefits daily from the TBNK. Please note that this invaluable service would severely impede our ability to share such services with the patrons on Kenton County.

Our local Public, Educational, and Governmental, (PEG) Access channels provide a wide range of local programming about our community, which is a valuable service to Northern Kentucky residents, community organizations, and viewers. Our local PEG TV studio at the Telecommunications Board of Northern Kentucky, also provides access to a professional studio, editing and field equipment for local residents, schools, and community organizations, who would not otherwise have access to such facilities, as well as much needed training and guidance.

Local PEG programming includes coverage of high school and college football and basketball games, swimming and diving and other sports, as well as many community events. The PEG channels air numerous local government meetings every month, as well as Northern Kentucky

election programs and results. The channels also broadcast local music and entertainment, documentaries, and public affairs shows, as well as information about local community service organizations and agencies, and issues of interest to Northern Kentucky.

Promoting such diversity of views and information through local PEG programming was one of congress' specific stated intents of the Cable Act. The FCC's proposed FNPRM goes against this stated intent, and would force communities to choose between franchise fees and PEG channels, which would cripple and very likely eliminate the PEG channels in most communities across the country, since most cities will not be able to afford the loss in fees. The loss of franchise fees would also eliminate the main source of operational funding for PEG channels in most communities. This has never been the way the law worked for decades and was never the intent of the Act.

We appreciate your consideration and urge the FCC to protect PEG channels and funding in our community and others by choosing not to adopt the Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making.

Sincerely,

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